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Summertime and the living is easy

► More sunshine expected for today and tomorrow, with temperatures in the mid-to-high 20s ► Haligonians have been enjoying great weather conditions since Canada Day long weekend



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Haligonians are certainly soaking up the sun. And who can blame them after the dreary spring we had?

Downtown streets were bustling with people yesterday, and beaches were packed as HRM residents enjoyed yet another beautiful summer day.

Rainbow Haven Beach was so clogged with visitors that parked cars lined the street in both directions and some reported waiting 20 minutes just to enter the parking lot.

People of all ages were out — from couples walking their dogs to teenagers tossing footballs in the sand.

One mother watched her son and daughter run back and forth between the waves, saying their fun “looks so free.”

It was their first visit to the beach this summer.

Adrian McLean and Adam Lorette were skimboarding in the waves lapping the shore.

“It’s nice to finally have a nice day out. The skim’s wicked. You can see how far out it stretches,” said Lorette, a Canadian soldier who returned from serving in Afghanistan about a week ago.

For the second straight day yesterday, temperatures reached close to 30 C. It was even hotter when you factored in the humidex.

“It was a pretty crappy spring. When you have stuff like this — I mean, Canada Day was a good example — everybody was out ... because it was one of the first nice days we had,” McLean said.

“I think it’s just progressing throughout the summer.

“It’s getting sunnier and people haven’t had enough of that through spring, so they’re getting it out of their systems when they can.”

Hot season ahead

- **Environment Canada.** We’re likely in for a sunny and hot summer, Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud said yesterday.
- **Typical July.** That could surprise some after the cool and cloudy June we experienced, but this week’s weather is typical July in Halifax, he said.
- **Nice pattern.** “The longer-term outlook was always with temperatures right around normal. What we’re seeing here is not unusual at all,” Robichaud said. “We’re getting into a nicer pattern here. It’s giving some sunny skies.”
- **Clear skies.** A little rain might come this weekend, but it will be followed by sunny skies, with temperatures in the mid-20s.

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MP questions bidding process

► Stoffer calls decision to extend shipbuilding-bid deadline 'disappointing' ► Timing of press release on extension questioned



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Peter Stoffer says the decision to grant a two-week extension to companies competing for lucrative shipbuilding contracts calls into question the bidding process' apparently apolitical nature.

The MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore is skeptical about the motivations behind — and the timing of — an announcement made late last Thursday that yards will have until July 21

to submit their bids.

"The government really assured everyone that July 7 would be the end date, and that would be it," Stoffer said yesterday. "(Minister of Public Works) Rona Ambrose said lobbyists should get lost ... there's an independent, impartial panel that will make this decision based on sound economics and the best business plan.

"And so why extend (the deadline) for two weeks? Who lobbied who to get that extension?"

An independent board — complete with its own fairness monitor — has

been put together to evaluate the bids in effort to keep the process politics-free. It was that board that granted the two-week extension at the behest of two competing yards.

Which yards asked for the extension was not disclosed.

When asked if entering the debate, as a longtime Nova Scotia MP, brought politics into the process, Stoffer noted he's been the NDP's shipbuilding critic for more than a decade.

"We've been at this file for a long, long time," he said.



"Generally, when any government issues a press release a few minutes before a long weekend starts, they're trying to fly under the radar."

PETER STOFFER

Councillors say sorry for city hall row

Two HRM councillors have apologized for a heated interaction at city hall on Tuesday.

Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane confronted Portland-East Woodlawn Coun. Bill Karsten during the weekly council meeting after he interrupted her as she was speaking.

While Sloane was debating the purchase of new municipal street sweepers, Karsten said he was "whispering" something to Mayor Peter Kelly.

Sloane accused Karsten of interrupting only when female councillors speak — a charge Karsten denied, stating gender played no role in his interruption.

Karsten demanded an apology.

Sloane refused, and the two were called into Kelly's office to discuss the matter.

Karsten told Metro yesterday both he and Sloane had apologized for the argument and would not be commenting on it further.

"With all due respect, I will not propagate this issue any further in the media," wrote Karsten in an e-mail. "Councillor Sloane and I have both apologized publicly for our role and have both decided to move on."

Sloane did not respond to telephone and email requests for an interview yesterday.

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Pre-flight. Entertainment



► Members of the Acadian dance troupe La Baie en Joie perform at Halifax Stanfield International Airport yesterday as two acts with the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo delighted passengers and visitors during the lunch hour. The Tattoo runs at the Metro Centre through tomorrow.

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Court approves lawsuit over tar-pond pollution

- ▶ Legal action could include up to 20,000 people
- ▶ Potential plaintiffs still must meet tests to launch claim



▶ Warning signs are posted on the fence surrounding the tar ponds in Sydney in this file photo from 2007.

A woman leading a case against the federal and provincial governments over Cape Breton's notorious tar ponds says her seven-year fight to have it approved as a class-action lawsuit has finally paid off.

Anne Ross praised a decision by a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge yesterday that gives the green light to a legal action involving decades of contaminants spewed from the former Sydney Steel Corp. plant.

"It's wonderful," she said from Sydney, where she has lived in the same home for

51 years. "I'm ecstatic over it. It took a long time — seven years — but it's well worth the wait."

Ross, who launched the case with three other lifelong residents from the area, is seeking compensation for property damage, exposure to industrial toxins and funds to establish a medical-monitoring program.

Many of the people who have grown up around the heavily contaminated site are suing to have their properties cleaned up, their lawyers said. Justice John Murphy said the lawsuit

will include two groups: current homeowners in Whitney Pier, Ashby and the north end of Sydney, as well as people who lived in the neighbourhoods for at least seven years between 1967 and 2000, when the plant was in operation.

The neighbourhoods border on the site of the steel plant, the former coke-ovens operations and the tar ponds — an estuary full of contaminated runoff and sludge from the ovens.

Scott Ritchie, the plaintiffs' co-counsel, said the judge's decision means people in the area can finally

Silent treatment

- ▶ Steve Smith, a spokesman with the provincial Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Department, said the department couldn't comment on the matter since it is before the court.
- ▶ A spokeswoman with the federal Justice Department also said he couldn't comment on the case.

take their long-standing grievances to court after a costly, lengthy fight.

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Province approves health care budgets

The Nova Scotia government has approved the business plans of the province's nine district health authorities — marking the first time in a decade their budgets have not increased.

"Holding spending growth in health care is not easy," Health Minister Mau-

reen MacDonald said in a statement yesterday.

"This has been a tough, challenging exercise for those who manage the operations of the health-care system," MacDonald said the budgets were balanced through restructuring and reducing administrative

Money matters

- ▶ The authorities are to receive \$1.6 billion from the province for 2011-12.

costs from six per cent to five per cent.

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Crown opposes release of men in hatchet attack

The Crown is opposing the release of two Halifax men charged in the attack of a man with a hatchet in the city's downtown core on Tuesday afternoon.

Shane Lee Corke, 22, and Benjamin Joshua Gillis, 20, both made appearances at Halifax provincial court yesterday and are now facing bail hearings. Gillis is back in court today. Corke returns on July 20. Both were remanded to the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside.

On Tuesday, police were called to the vicinity of Duke and Barrington streets after receiving a call about a man being

Charges

- ▶ Corke and Gillis are each charged with robbery, assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and breach of probation.
- ▶ Corke also faces one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

struck in the head with an axe.

Police later recovered the weapon they believe was used in the assault — a hatchet — that resulted in non-life-threatening injuries to the victim.

The incident was also drug-related, police say.

● PHILIP CROUCHER

VIOLENCE

Charges coming in latest gun incident

A 17-year-old boy is facing drug and weapons charges after the latest incident involving gunplay in the Halifax area this week.

Police say they went to Marvin Street in Dartmouth just after 1 a.m. yesterday after reports of

a gun being fired from a front porch.

Const. Brian Palmeter of Halifax Regional Police said yesterday the shot fired was into the air, not at a person. There have been several shootings in the area since the weekend. On Sunday, a 20-year-old man was taken to hospital after he was shot near Federal Avenue. On Tuesday, police were called to a Dartmouth apartment building, where they found a hole in a floor after reports of gunshots.

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Mugging leads to beating

Police say a teenage boy in Halifax is recovering from cuts to his face after taking a beating from three people who were trying to steal his money.

The victim was walking near Romans Avenue and Bayers Road yesterday around 2:30 a.m. when he was approached by three boys he did not know.

Police say he was assaulted after refusing demands for his cash and wallet. Officers are looking for the suspects.

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Teens flee from cops, get charged

Two teenagers are facing charges following a foot chase and motor-vehicle theft yesterday morning in Cole Harbour.

Halifax RCMP say they were called to John Stewart Drive at about 3 a.m. after reports of two teenagers checking out vehicles. A police dog tracked the two, who had been joined by four others. The group fled but were quickly caught. The male teens, both aged 15, face several charges including possession of stolen property. ● METRO



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Group lauds N.S. for wind rates

A national lobby group for wind energy is applauding Nova Scotia's energy regulator for setting a price that small community-operated wind farms will receive from the province's utility.

The Canadian Wind Energy Association said yesterday the feed-in tariffs set by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board will make the province a leader in small wind-energy developments.

Spokeswoman Emilie Moorhouse said her group believes that community groups such as farming co-operatives will be able to make a small profit by investing in the windmills under the new incentives system.

Nova Scotia Power

would purchase the wind-generated electricity and use it on its transmission lines.

In a decision released Monday, the review board set a price of 45.2 cents per kilowatt hour for small wind turbines with a capacity of 50 kilowatts or less — about enough to provide electricity to five homes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Two-year sentence for drug trafficking

Trafficking in crack cocaine has landed a Chester man a two-year prison sentence.

Ryan Kenneth Levy, 29, was sentenced Tuesday on a charge of possessing crack for the purpose of trafficking.

Police searched his home on Highway 3 in May 2010 and seized 26 individually wrapped rocks weighing just over 13 grams. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lebanese fest launches

► Halifax festival kicks off today at 4 p.m. at the Cunard Street Olympic Community Centre ► Event runs through Sunday with free admission daily



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Organizers of a popular Halifax summer festival are hoping for a record turnout.

Years of steadily climbing attendance at the Lebanese Festival made the host venue, Saint Antonio's Church, expand its parking lot a few years ago to accommodate the increase.

Last year, the place was filled, said festival committee member Vicky Mina.

"We had about 10,000 (people), just going by the amount of food that we sold," said Mina, who hopes to surpass that this year.

"People come, in a large part, for the food."

Tony Nahas, owner of Halifax restaurants Mezza and Venus Pizza, is in



► Laudy Abboud makes traditional Lebanese bread, called za'atar, at a past Lebanese Festival in Halifax.

charge of the food for the festival, which Mina says is always delicious and popular due to the prominence

of the Lebanese community in the city.

Besides filling your belly, there will be dancers and

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musicians showcasing Lebanese talent. The lineup includes traditional instrumental music, dancing and modern pop singers such as Montreal's Karl Wolf, and traditional drummer Charlie K and DJ Hostyle, creating "a fusion of East and West," said Mina.

Another event to watch is the popular Briek competition, in which participants dump a glass jug of water into their mouths, using its long spout pointed upside down.

"We get everyone — guys, girls — but we get a lot of guys and they get very competitive with each other," said Mina.

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Families trek for days to find food

► Worst drought in 60 years threatens millions ► Groups unite to raise funds for safe water, food

Thousands of families are walking for days in search of food in a triangle of hunger where the borders of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia meet.

Hundreds already have died in a widespread drought.

Images of children with skinny, malnourished bodies are commonplace.

A devastating lack of rain has reduced livestock, incomes and food supplies.

Thirsty livestock are dying by the thousands, and food prices have risen beyond what many families can afford.

Hawo Ibrahim said she and her seven children trekked for 15 days from a town in southern Somalia before reaching a refugee camp in northeast Kenya.

"We have seen misery and hunger on our way," said Ibrahim, 32, who said her husband went mad after the family lost its livestock to drought.

Hunger triangle

► The epicentre of the drought lies on the three-way border shared by Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, a nomadic region where families heavily depend on the health of their livestock.

► Somalis desperate for food are overrunning the world's largest refugee camp in neighbouring Kenya, which is seeing some 10,000 new arrivals each week — six times the average.

► Many Somali children are arriving at refugee camps so weak that they are dying within 24 hours despite emergency care and feeding, a United Nations worker said.

"The most painful thing was when you don't get anything for your thirsty and hungry children."

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► Children from southern Somalia wait to go to refugee camps in Mogadishu. A looming catastrophe faces millions amid a severe drought.

'This isn't your grandma's royal visit'

Royal observers say Prince William and Kate are not only rekindling Canada's love affair with the monarchy.

They're impressing the world.

Nearly every aspect of their travels has been broadcast globally.

The tour has dominated newscasts across the United Kingdom, a marked departure from previous royal visits, which "are lucky to get 30 seconds on

the evening news," said royal observer and historian Rafal Heydel-Mankoo.

Their hands-on approach has played a key role in the tour's success, Heydel-Mankoo said from London. "It's an injection of youth and vitality," he said.

Younger Canadians, also seem to have been won over by William and Kate, said Matthew Rowe of the Monarchist League of Canada.



► William and Kate in Slave Lake, Alta., yesterday. They met families who lost everything in a wildfire.

An itinerary that has included dragon boat races, barbecues and even William flying a helicopter have helped boost the couple's popularity among young people, said Rowe.

"This isn't your grandma's royal visit," he said.

"It's not ship christenings and ribbon cuttings. They're doing really fun and interesting activities."

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A town's agony

► Prince William and Kate viewed first-hand yesterday damage from a fire that swept through Slave Lake, Alta.

► There were burned-out cars, blackened trees and the remains of homes.

► At one point during the walkabout, William reached down to examine the rubble, then studied the ash on his hands.

Sex prisoner tells of 'man with no remorse'

Romeo Cormier was convicted yesterday of abducting a New Brunswick woman and keeping her prisoner for almost a month and sexually assaulting her.

The 55-year-old woman

— whose identity is protected by a publication ban — sat in the courtroom when the verdict was delivered, with her husband's arm around her.

Cormier is "just a man

with no remorse," the woman said outside court.

"He thinks the world owes him something, and he thinks he can do what he wants and everybody has to cater to him. He thinks he's a somebody.

He's just a mean person."

Following the jury's decision, Cormier smiled, looked toward the woman and gave her a thumbs-up before he was led out of the packed courtroom.

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Trapped for 18 days

Police say a Dutch tourist has been found alive 18 days after she fell into a hole while walking in southern Spain.

Mountaineers found Mary Anne Goossens, 48, caught among boulders

outside the resort town of Nerja early yesterday.

She had some food when she set out walking. Water from a nearby spring also helped her survive.

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Pooch has dog-gone incredible journey

► Black Lab travelled thousands of kilometres from Montreal to B.C. ► Tracking chip led to owners

A Montreal pooch who disappeared last year has miraculously turned up some 4,500 kilometres away in Kamloops, B.C.

The black Labrador named Pollux detests the rain, yet she took an adventurous turn upon fleeing through a gate mistakenly left open at her Montreal home last June 20.

Her owner, Isabelle Robitaille, said the family had searched high and low and given up hope they'd ever find the dog they had adopted from the SPCA in 2005.

Then last week, on Canada Day, they received a shocking phone call from the SPCA in Kam-



► Pollux was missing for a year.

loops: a dog with a tracking chip containing her information had been found in B.C.

Photos sent by the shelter confirmed it, Robitaille

said. Pollux was alive and well although a bit leaner than before. "They told me she was in excellent condition," Robitaille said.

But just how she got to B.C. remains a mystery.

On the day she disappeared from the family backyard, it had been raining, so Robitaille suspects she might have hopped into a freight train to avoid the rain.

Getting home won't nearly be as big an ordeal: Pollux will be flying home courtesy of SPCA International, who'll foot the bill.

"She's going to be nine this summer so she's going to be home for her birthday," Robitaille said.

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Olympics. 2018



► South Koreans celebrate yesterday after Pyeongchang won the right to host the 2018 Winter Olympics. The city had been unsuccessful in two previous attempts to win the games.

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South Korea to host Olympics

U.S. fears implanted bombs

The U.S. government has warned domestic and international airlines that some terrorists are considering surgically implanting explosives into humans to carry out attacks, The Associated Press has

learned.

There is no intelligence pointing to a specific plot, but the U.S. shared its concerns last week with executives at domestic and international carriers.

People travelling to the

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Harper family takes paws from politics

► Cat-fostering Harpers help launch new Ottawa Humane Society



► Rachel Harper pets a three-legged dog, with her father, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, and Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird standing on either side of her, at the opening of the new location of the Ottawa Humane Society yesterday morning.



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Dubbed the “official cat lady of the country” by Ottawa’s mayor, Laureen Harper helped officially unveil the new Ottawa Humane Society with her husband, daughter and Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird.

As a longtime supporter of the charitable organiza-

tion, Mrs. Harper said she was thrilled to see the new 40,000-square-foot headquarters.

Two of her family’s three cats — including their latest addition, Stanley — came from the old building, which was dark, overcrowded and noticeably aging.

“Now we have a facility that’s truly state-of-the-art, where animals can come from difficult circum-

stances, come get help, get back on their feet — or their paws — before being adopted in their forever families,” said Mrs. Harper.

The Prime Minister and his family couldn’t resist the purrs from the cat-room, a space built for potential foster families to get to know the cats they might adopt. The Harpers, Baird, and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson each cuddled

with a feline friend there before seeing the rest of the building’s furry pets.

The OHS said a family has already adopted the first pet from the new building, but it wasn’t the Harpers — even though they’re known to give cats that come into the OHS a temporary home at 24 Sussex Dr.

The Harpers went home empty-handed this time, however.

Riots erupt in Egyptian city over police trials

Hundreds of Egyptian protesters lobbed rocks at the security headquarters and set fire to police cars for a second day yesterday in Suez as growing impatience over delays in trying

former regime officials and police accused of killing protesters threatened to plunge the nation back into crisis.

In a bid to defuse rising anger, the Interior Min-

istry announced that hundreds of high-ranking police officers will be sacked for their role in the harsh crackdown on anti-government protests earlier this year that left nearly 850

people dead. Interior Minister Mansour el-Essawi said in a statement that it will be the largest shakeup in the history of his ministry.

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Army shrink could face death penalty

The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood rampage will be tried in a military court and may face the death penalty, the commanding general for the Texas military post announced yesterday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, 40, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shooting spree at the Texas Army post.

It was not immediately clear when Hasan will be arraigned in a Fort Hood courtroom and en-

ter a plea.

Hasan’s lead attorney, John Galligan, had urged the commanding general not to seek the death penalty, saying such cases were more costly, time-consuming and restrictive. In cases where death is not a punishment option, soldiers convicted of capital murder are automatically sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

“I believe the Army as an institution has long been planning to go this route,” Galligan told The Associated Press yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TABLOID PHONE HACKING

Britain debates scandal

British lawmakers staged an emergency House of Commons debate yesterday to vent their outrage over a widening tabloid phone-hacking scandal that allegedly targeted missing schoolgirls and the families of London terror victims in addition to celebrities and royals.

News International,

the British linchpin of Rupert Murdoch’s global media empire, was under intense pressure following reports that its News of the World tabloid had hacked into the cellphone of missing 13-year-old Milly Dowler in 2002, deleting messages and giving her parents and police false hope that the girl was still alive.

Prime Minister David Cameron described the allegation as a shocking intrusion and major advertisers — including Ford UK — pulled their ads from the paper.

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Japan to ‘stress-test’ nuke plants

Japan said yesterday it will conduct “stress tests” on all the country’s nuclear plants to ease heightened concerns about disaster preparedness after this year’s tsunami sparked the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl.

Officials provided few details.

The March 11 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan knocked out power at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, sending it toward meltdown in a crisis that engineers are still struggling to contain.

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Strauss-Kahn lawyers meet prosecutors

Defence lawyers pushing for sexual assault charges against Dominique Strauss-Kahn to be dropped say they had a productive meeting with prosecutors.

Just a few weeks ago, the sex case against the former International Monetary Fund leader looked ironclad.

Prosecutors are now rethinking whether they can even go forward with the case after finding that Strauss-Kahn’s accuser wasn’t truthful about her background and about the aftermath of the alleged sex attack.

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Sudan split over oil rights

► South threatening to snub north, ship crude through Kenyan pipeline

Southern Sudan is considering connecting its oil supply to an East African pipeline that would bypass Khartoum-run pipelines, an official said yesterday. Such a move could see relations between north and south deteriorate even further.

Southern Sudan will secede from the north on Saturday, but some vital provisions of its split — such as oil rights and wealth-sharing — have not been settled. Last month, northern President Omar

al-Bashir said he would block the south's access to the pipelines unless an agreement was reached.

The south accounts for more than three-quarters of Sudan's total oil output but relies on northern refineries and pipelines.

Southern Transport Minister Anthony Lino Makana said his government has been meeting with companies interested in building a pipeline connecting the south's oil to ports in East Africa. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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► A Darfuri woman takes part in rehearsals yesterday for independence celebrations in Juba, Southern Sudan.

High loonie sours domestic wine market

Canada's wine industry has far outpaced overall growth in the beverage sector over the past decade, but is still losing market share at home and abroad, says a report from BMO Capital Markets Economics.

Canadian wine produc-

tion has grown by 7.6 per cent a year since 1998, compared with just one per cent for the overall beverage sector. But BMO says the market share for Canadian wineries slipped to about one-third of the domestic market in 2010 in the face of intense pressure from imports.

The appreciation of the loonie and constraints on red wine production in Canada have helped spur imports.

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Twitter town hall draws thousands

U.S. President Barack Obama answered questions from Twitter users in a town hall meeting yesterday that focused on jobs and the economy.

White House officials say Obama sees social media as a way to interact with Americans directly, particularly the younger, more media-savvy members of the electorate.

Twitter selected the questions for the president from among tens of thousands of inquiries submitted. The first question asked Obama what mistakes he had made in handling the recession and what he would do differently.

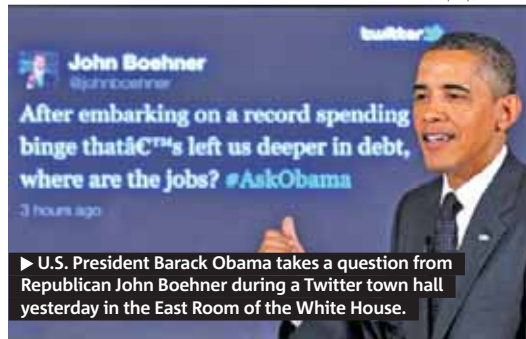
Obama defended his stimulus program as "the right thing to do." But he allowed that his administration had underestimated

Skew you

Among the inquiries to U.S. President Barack Obama was one from Speaker John Boehner, Republican leader of the House of Representatives.

- "Where are the jobs?" Boehner asked.
- "This is a slightly skewed question," Obama replied.
- Obama went on to note that the U.S. economy is, in fact, creating jobs, though at a slow pace. He said there is more the government could do to boost the economy, but he hasn't always been able to get Republican support.

ed the severity of the recession, and so he did not prepare the American



people "for how long this was going to take."

Obama also said the problems in the housing market were more stubborn than expected and he'd had to revamp his housing-assistance programs several times.

Twitter users had to keep their questions to the networking site's 140-

character limit.

But Obama had no such restrictions. He answered in his trademark lengthy form to questions on college costs, immigration, collective bargaining rights, the debt limit, manufacturing jobs, the housing crisis and other topics.

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There are two types of people in this world: People who like summer, and me.

After much consideration, I have decided to side with me.

Summer has its perks, sure — a box of Junior Mints left in the car transforms magically into one giant Junior Mint — but it's still the most overrated season. Its default No. 1 position bugs me: Summer gets celebrated simply for arriving on the scene, the Miami Heat of Mother

Nature.

Well, I'm here to speak truth to power: Summer is, at best, tied with winter for last place. So much of summer's warm reputation doesn't hold up in the cold light of day.

Take summer vacation, that idyllic childhood window filled with bee stings, bike crashes and, if you went with the full package, broken bones.

"Even summer's most cited perk, the weather, is not all it's cracked up to be. On any given day there is bound to be a smog alert, a humidex warning, a UV warning ..."

These are the best days of our lives?

The backyard playground alone was a death trap: A hard plastic swing, apparently coated with Pam, that caused every child to slip toward the ground face-first with the force of a robin into a bay window. This resulted in the official childhood Five-Alarm Cry: Stunned silence/siren wail/more silence/remembering to breathe/more wailing.

The slippery swing seat is baffling in retrospect, because the slide attached on the side was so non-

slippery that nothing could go down it, including marbles. Kids didn't slide down it, so much as shimmy. Water might have gone down it, except the slide was made of metal and often got so hot that it would start emitting X-rays. "It's nice out, so don't play on the slide!" was a common parental warning.

Of course, now that I'm an adult I can see there's more to summer than just potential injuries — there's also potential death.

Between beach riptides, exploding barbecues and wildlife attacks, there is hardly a chance to contract West Nile.

Even summer's most cited perk, the weather, is not all it's cracked up to be. On any given day there is bound to be a smog alert, a humidex warning, a UV warning, a severe-thunderstorm watch, a tornado warning, a watch-for-warnings watch, a stolen-watch warning or a "special weather statement" that warns of some weather pattern you've never heard of before, like a "Manure Storm" or "Smulch."

All things considered, it's better to hibernate until winter. I recommend a stockpile of Junior Mints to see you through.

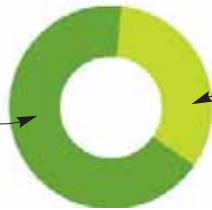
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Worth mentioning

LOS ANGELES. It began as a bright white dot in Saturn's northern hemisphere. Within days, the dot grew larger and stormier.

Soon, the tempest enveloped the ringed planet, triggering lightning flashes thousands of times more intense than on Earth.

The international Cassini spacecraft and ground telescopes have been tracking the turbulence since last December, visible from Earth as a type of storm known as a "Great White Spot."

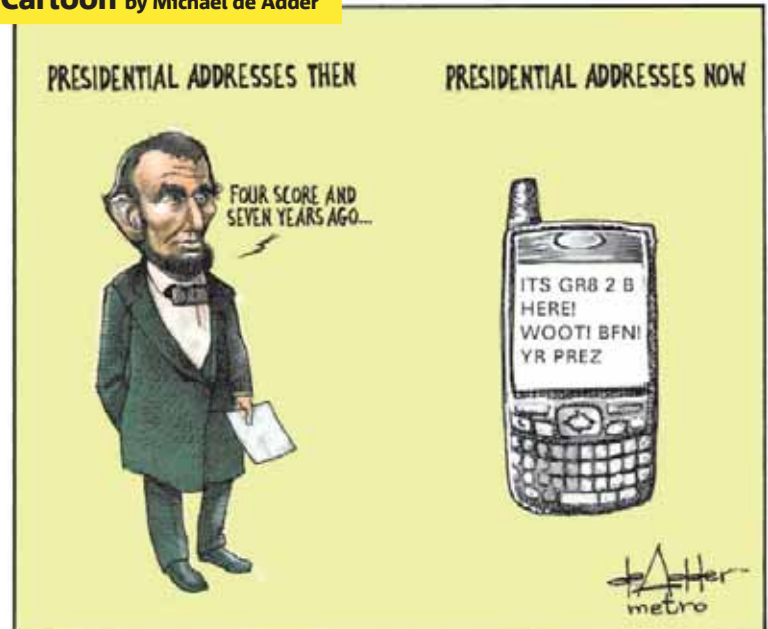
"It's still going like crazy," said Cassini project scientist Linda Spilker of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Such planet-wide weather disturbances are rare on Saturn, where the atmosphere is typically hazy and calm. Since 1876, astronomers have observed only five other megastorms on Saturn.

At the height of the storm, Cassini detected 10 lightning strikes per second. Scientists said the electrical activity emitted by the bursts were 10,000 times stronger than lightning on Earth.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Now you see it, now you don't

Police are on the hunt for a man who walked into a San Francisco art gallery, grabbed a valuable pencil drawing by Pablo Picasso off the wall and then fled in a waiting taxicab.

Police said Tuesday the drawing, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, was taken from the Weinstein Gallery near Union

Square.

The gallery said Picasso created the one-of-a-kind drawing titled *Tete de Femme* in 1965.

Officer Albie Esparza told the San Francisco Chronicle that police hope a member of the public might recognize the piece if someone attempts to sell it.

Other artists whose works are still on display at the gallery include Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali and Joan Miro.

Police described the suspect as a man in his 30s wearing loafers and dark glasses.

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The power of jazz music, the power to communicate

- New York-based The Bad Plus to perform on opening night at Halifax Jazz Festival
- They're one of 90 groups or artists set to perform during the ever-popular nine-day event

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Legendary American jazz-trumpeter Louis Armstrong once said if you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know.

According to bassist Reid Anderson of the group The Bad Plus, attempting to define a genre with so much history is not only difficult, it's controversial.

"You can't just say 'jazz' because we're talking about individual artists throughout history," Anderson says. "The music is based on improvisation and its ability to absorb a



► The Bad Plus are known for breaking down the walls of jazz convention.

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number of influences as it continues to evolve."

Anderson will join his trio in the Jazzeast festival tent on Lower Water Street tomorrow at 8 p.m., performing their own arrangement of Igor Stravinsky's Rite of Spring.

Their selection doesn't exactly sound like a jazz standard, however Anderson likes the challenge of

proving just how far jazz can go.

"To play such a monumental piece in our own way, with just piano, bass, and drums, that alone will take it into new territory," he said.

"This music has power and can communicate to an audience, whatever their familiarity with jazz or classical music may be."

The Bad Plus is known for their successful rejuvenation of Avant-garde jazz, a re-birth from the time of John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk.

Anderson, a composer in his own right, is proud of the comparison, but insists on doing his part to push the boundaries of this ever-evolving genre.

"We're a band that has a

sound that is the sound of us," he said.

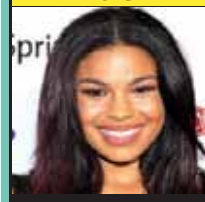
"Individuals coming together and making this collective unit but, our sound is different because it's a personal sound."

The Bad Plus' latest album, *Never Stop*, is the trio's first album of purely original compositions jumping them into the jazz-space continuum.

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Anthem



Jordin Sparks sang for President Barack Obama this week, and now she'll perform it for baseball fans. The American Idol champ will sing the Star-Spangled Banner on July 12 at Major League Baseball's 82nd All-Star game.

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Woody Allen, set to film movie in Rome, meets with city mayor

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Not so Horrible actors

► Kevin Spacey speaks to Metro about his time away from the big screen ► Praises Horrible Bosses

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In the first decade of his career Kevin Spacey made 20-plus movies and appeared in dozens of TV shows. In the process he took home two Academy Awards — Best Actor for American Beauty, Best Supporting for The Usual Suspects — and became one of the best known actors in Hollywood. But these days he's not as ubiquitous a presence on screen as he once was, and that's by design.

"I made a choice that I was going to focus on theatre for 10 years," he says

on the line from his home in London, "because I had focused on film for nearly 12.

"I got to a point where I thought, That went better than I could possibly have ever hoped. Now what? Am I going to spend the next 10 years chasing the same dream? I thought, A: I don't need to top myself and B: I'd like to take all the incredible personal good fortune and attention that came to me and put it toward something that isn't about me. That is about putting myself back into something that has always been my first love."

To that end he took over one of England's oldest



► Jason Bateman, left, and Kevin Spacey star in Horrible Bosses.

theatres, the Old Vic, as artistic director in 2003, creating a company of actors and educational programs. It's work that keeps

him busy.

"Let me tell you the honest truth. I don't have time to make movies that often, so I'm not offered

that many movies. Sometimes I get the feeling from journalists that they think you sit around and decide which movies

you're going to do. I'll let Tom Hanks do that one and George Clooney can do that one but I'm going to do this one. That's not the way it works. There are only two reasons I do movies. One: because they offer it to me and two: am I available to do it. There's no great design. Trust me, I'm not sitting around with a magic wand picking my parts like I have a deli in front of me of choice. That's a myth. It's a nice myth, but it isn't true."

He took a break from the stage long enough to play one of the evil employers in Horrible Bosses, a new comedy co-starring Jason Bateman and Jennifer Aniston.

"I love all these actors," he says, adding, "It's great fun to pretend to be a horrible person for a couple of weeks."



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Celebrity tweets



@KimKardashian

WHAT!!!!!! CASEY ANTHONY NOT GUILTY!!!! I'm speechless!!!! Reading the comments here & its nuts people think just bc I was close to the OJ trial I can't have my own opinion on the Casey Anthony case?



@kaleycuoco

Nice justice system. I can't breathe. I can't think. I'm sick. God help us.



@TheRealRoseanne

miscarriage of justice ... our system is broken and it sucks - death penalty should be removed - that's why she got off ... victory for all child murderers! ... casey - you were so smart to hide the body in the swamp! You got away with killing your baby!



@biggsjason

I guess the glove didn't fit.



@rainnwilson

Dear Florida, THANK YOU for freeing Casey! She's now available for partying and babysitting!

Anthony offered adult-film job

We're going to hell for re-reporting this, but you're going to hell for reading it, so see you there. Hours after Casey Anthony, the Florida mother accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter, was found not guilty (in a controversial verdict), Steve Hirsch, the head of porn company Vivid Entertainment, called to offer her a job, reports TMZ.

"Whether you agree with the verdict or not, Casey will want to move forward with her life and has a right to make a living. It's not going to be easy for her and we believe we can help her make the transition into a new life," he told the site. Pure class.

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▶ Casey Anthony

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Lady A's leading lady gets engaged

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott is engaged.

The 25-year-old singer's boyfriend, Chris Tyrell, popped the question over the Fourth of July weekend at a family getaway in East Tennessee.

Scott and the 24-year-old drum-

mer met while touring with Tim McGraw in early 2010. People first reported the engagement Tuesday.

Scott is the second member of Lady A to end her single ways. Charles Kelley is married, leaving Dave Haywood as the lone available member of the Grammy-winning trio.

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Under starry summer night sky, Chanel's crystal-embellished skirt suits shine

► The message from Milan and Paris for spring/summer 2012 is to lighten up and get in the swing of things ('60s style) ► Here's our breakdown of what was trending on the catwalks for the latest round of men's shows

Men on
spring/summer trends

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Brights, prints
and all things loud

If you're not one for colour, you'd best learn to love it as it's going to be all over the place come next spring. Burberry showed ikat prints, raffia bobble hats and cork-soled, woven moccasin shoes. A possible answer to Prada's insanely popular platform shoe? Maybe. Givenchy had obviously read the print memo too. The house rolled with Hawaiian surfer chic. That means lush, tropical prints and yes, skirts.



▲ Versace
► Burberry



▲ McQueen
► Gucci



▲ Dolce & Gabbana
► Giorgio Armani



▲ Vivienne Westwood
► Calvin Klein

That '60s vibe

Get ready to start buying slimmer suits. It was back to the swinging '60s with designers taking inspiration from Carnaby Street and a young Michael Caine. Alexander McQueen went all Savile row meets rock 'n' roll with pyjama-style striped pants, a Mick Jagger-esque oversized dress shirt and even a flame print jacket. Conversely, Gucci went for slimmer silhouettes to suit the rakish, womanizer in Prince of Wales check and houndstooth – popular patterns at many shows including the avant-garde Comme des Garçons.

Peek-a-boo

If you're the type who likes to flash a bit of skin than the season's trend for transparent clothing might be for you. Giorgio Armani, Dolce & Gabbana and Maison Martin Margiela all teased with sheer and diaphanous knits. But of course, it was the Dolce & Gabbana duo that took it a step further with a nod to Sicilian fishing heritage. Sounds quaint but boy will it take some ballsy blokes to pull it off! The look: Mesh netting worn over sweaters.

Sporting
Olympic chic

Olympic tickets may be hard to come by, but there's no shortage of sporty references in the collections. Calvin Klein looked to '80s athletic wear while Vivienne Westwood parodied the games with Olympic orb tees.



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Far from a-Dior-able

Hoots and thunderous applause erupted from backstage, but the audience at the Dior show Monday greeted the storied label's fall-winter 2011-12 haute couture with a short-lived flurry of halfhearted claps.

The collection was the first in 15 years not under the label's disgraced former creative director, John Galliano — and it showed.

The collection simply lacked cohesion. With sections that channelled the fluorescent pop esthetic of



► Dior

the 1980s, a sort of 1970s Marrakech bohemian vibe, and shiny modernist architecture, the show felt like a

bunch of ideas thrown almost randomly together. It was like watching three shows in one — and not a particularly inspiring three shows, at that.

The nipped jackets and puffy skirts were embellished with the sort of amoeba-shaped appliques in eyepopping shades that were last seen on the costumes of 1987 teen pop sensation Tiffany and worn with oversized plastic cubes or spheres in guise of hats.

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► Adorned for the second time in Quebec-based label Erdem, Middleton gives a stylish nod to the north in a form-fitting navy number



► Kate Middleton visiting Quebec City.

Canadian label Erdem scored a royal tour repeat as Kate opted to wear a second dress from the brand's Quebec-born designer while attending events in his home province.

The Duchess of Cambridge wore a vibrant blue lace Jacquenta dress from Erdem Moralioglu, accessorized with nude-coloured heels to kick off Day 4 of her first official visit abroad.

Kate was first spotted wearing the creation as she and Prince William took part in a prayer service on-board the HMCS Montreal docked in Quebec City on Sunday morning.

The form-fitting dress with sleeves hitting just above the elbow featured a slight slit at the right knee

Local labels

Canadian content

► Erdem hasn't been Kate's lone Canadian designer of choice. She was seen wearing a navy blazer from Toronto-based label Smythe as she boarded a jet last Thursday in London for the flight to Canada.

and floral lace overlay cascading on the upper part of the garment. The design is part of Erdem's pre-fall 2011 collection.

The Montreal-born, London-based Moralioglu created another similar lace-adorned Erdem frock worn by Kate on Day 1 of the Canadian tour.

Kate stepped off a Cana-

dian Forces jet last Thursday in Ottawa in an elbow-length, dark-coloured Erdem dress.

She wore the dress to attend a wreath-laying ceremony with William at the National War Memorial in the heart of the city's downtown core, followed by a walkabout among the thousands of people lining the memorial square, as well as an official welcome ceremony at Rideau Hall.

A press representative for Erdem said Sunday the designer was unavailable for comment.

By mid-afternoon Sunday, Kate had switched to a slightly more casual look as she shook hands and met with well-wishers at a community event in Levis, Que.

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A beauty in Birger

Kate opted for more formal attire for the Yellowknife leg of the royal tour, choosing to sport the look of a Danish label for the first time on her trip to Canada.

The Duchess of Cambridge wore a Bullet dress from By Malene Birger as she and Prince William did a walkabout Tuesday among the crowds clamouring to catch a glimpse of the royal newlyweds in the Northwest Territories capital.

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► Middleton in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

Making art from home

- Photos aren't meant to be hidden away on your computer's hard drive
- Give your pictures a second life by turning them into creative and unique decor pieces

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There used to be a time when families would proudly display framed vacation, school and family photos as part of their decor. Nowadays, all my great photo memories are locked away in my computer and although easily emailed to friends and family, very rarely do I have any cool photos on display in my house.

New printing options will let you turn a simple photo into some fantastic artwork for the home.

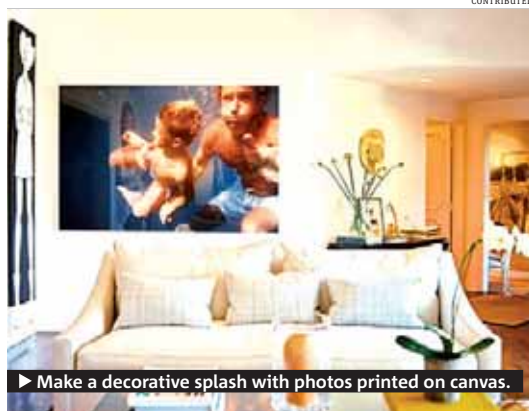
Resizing your photos

Try cropping your favourite photo into a small 4" by 4" square and surround it with a very large white matte, then frame with a modern black wood frame.

This makes a simple image instantly look more modern. You can also turn coloured photos into black and white images — a great way to give a collage of framed photos some consistency.

Making poster-sized art

To make a small space feel



► Make a decorative splash with photos printed on canvas.

bigger simply add large art or mirrors. This creates a big impact while taking up no precious floor space!

My favourite poster art is children's fridge art. Scan a brightly coloured painted handprint page and have it enlarged into poster-sized paper.

A simple frame (try Ikea) will help to give your new poster sized art a professionally-finished look.

One large poster of homemade art can look special whereas more than one looks a bit common.

Printing on canvas

The texture of the canvas and the thick edges of the stretcher frame will give an artful look to the simplest of pictures.

Using photophore, consider modifying your photo to make it a bit more artful. The antiquing, colour con-

trasting and black/white imaging are my favourites. When re-printed on canvas they will really look like artwork rather than just a photo.

Printing on metal

Consider reprinting your digital photo on a sheet of stainless steel.

The sheen of the stainless steel appears beneath the artwork to help give a very contemporary and reflective quality to your artwork.

A lovely landscape shot, digitalized in black/white or sepia tone will take on a mysterious look when printed on metal.

Laser printing

The least expensive way to reproduce your images, laser printing allows you to enlarge or reduce your image for big or small impact.



► Frame the results on your two minutes in a photo booth.



► Black and white images take on a timeless quality.

Why not reproduce Grannie's portrait in black and white, then re-paint on brightly coloured makeup (creative gel markers work great) for a Warhol-ish look.

The original photo will be safe in an album or on the computer and you have fun personalizing photos for a fun and artful piece of art.

Frame matters

Create a real designer by framing modern-style art pieces with traditional frames.

► **Black and white** One of my favourite art pieces is a black and white photo of a single flower and it is framed in a super-fancy carved frame that has been spray painted in electric blue colour.

► **Mix it up** The juxtaposition between the modern art, traditional frame and splashy colour of frame makes for a statement piece in a boring hallway.

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Prawns with avocado



The creamy avocado is a cool complement to the spicy prawns and the crunchy texture of the rice crackers.

Preparation:

1 In a sauté pan over medium-high heat, add olive oil and prawns. Cook for 2 to 4 minutes per side until shrimp turn orange-red and opaque. Add chili garlic paste and stir to coat, continuing to cook for 30 seconds. Remove from heat; set aside.

2 In a medium bowl, combine cilantro, avocados, green onion, lemon juice and zest.

Top each cracker with 5 ml (1 tsp) avocado spread and 1 prawn. Garnish with cilantro leaf. Serve immediately.
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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 20 large prawns, shelled
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chili garlic paste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 avocados, finely diced
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 1 lemon (juice and zest)
- 20 sesame crackers
- 20 cilantro leaves

Of spicy shrimp & prawn dishes

► Fresh mango salsa and grilled shrimp skewers dress up spaghetti for the warm summer weather

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► This dish will serve six.

This summery pasta dish infused with Latin American flavours is a delightful option to serve and it is easy on the budget. The recipe is also packed with healthy antioxidant and nutrient-rich ingredients such as mango and red pepper.

Preparation:

1 Preheat grill to medium-high heat.

2 In a small bowl, whisk lime juice with oil, lime zest, honey and garlic. In a separate bowl, toss shrimp with 30 ml (2 tsp) of the dressing. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Thread shrimp onto 6 wooden skewers soaked in water to minimize flare ups.

with a shrimp skewer.
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3 Meanwhile, place remaining dressing mix and one mango in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse until finely chopped. Add remaining mango, red peppers, onion, jalapeños, salt and pepper; pulse until coarsely chopped.

4 Prepare spaghetti according to package directions; drain well. Grill shrimp skewers for 3 minutes per side or until pink. Toss hot spaghetti with mango salsa mix and coriander. Garnish each portion

Ingredients:

- 1 box (375 g) whole-grain spaghetti
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lime juice
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) canola oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) each finely grated lime zest and honey
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 g (1 lb) peeled, uncooked large shrimp
- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled, chopped and divided
- 2 red peppers, chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) chopped red onion
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) coarsely chopped fresh coriander

Kitchen talk with Canada's Top Chef



Dale MacKay, the winner of Top Chef Canada and owner of Vancouver's French restaurant Ensemble (and protégé of chef Gordon Ramsay), chops it up with Metro.

What's the one ingredient you must have in your kitchen at all times?

Spices are probably one of the most important ingredients that I use. I have a love for them all, but kaffir lime is something that I use a lot of.

What food do you feel is the most underrated?

Brussel sprouts. People boil them and it's just not very tasty. But when you roast and cook them with bacon and other things, they're one of the most delicious veggies.

What is your guilty pleasure or comfort food?

Barbecue. All types of barbecue — pulled pork, ribs, flank, you know.

If you could go toe-to-toe with a chef, who would it be?

But I'd say Gordon Ramsay. I worked for him so it'd be hilarious to try to beat the master.

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Taylor travelling with purpose

► IFAF world championships kick off on Friday ► Defending champ U.S., two-time winner Japan join Canada in eight-country event



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Jahmeek Taylor is hoping to top off his first trip to Europe with a gold medal.

While the Saint Mary's Huskies star slotback/returner is sneaking in some sight-seeing — including a stop in Paris after flying over last Thursday — his priority is to help Canada triumph at the IFAF senior world football championship in Graz, Austria, starting Saturday.

"For a lot of guys on the team, it's our first time crossing the pond," Taylor said. "But we came here with a purpose, and it's one big goal we have to achieve."

Taylor, the reigning Atlantic University Sport MVP, has made a name for himself at Saint Mary's with his electrifying speed and shifty moves, a combination that propelled him to 1,439 all-purpose yards along with seven touchdowns in eight games last season.

After a strong training camp in London, Ont., last week, Taylor appears to have earned a similarly prominent role in Canada's offence.

"I'm feeling right at home," Taylor said. "We brought in the jet-sweep

"In football, you just don't get the opportunity to represent your country like you do in other sports. When you're out there on the field and you have the Maple Leaf on your chest, there's a big sense of pride there. These guys are really working hard."

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(offensive play) from Saint Mary's, I'm on punt returns, kickoff returns, and I'm playing a lot of special teams. I'm happy to be flying around the ball out there."

For a player who hopes to pursue a professional football career, the tournament in Austria is a chance for more exposure to scouts than he has ever had.

"It's absolutely amazing," Taylor said. "I'm very happy it came up because this is a high level of football. There are ex-NFL, ex-CFL players, players from Arena Football, overseas ... Just a high level of football."



► Jahmeek Taylor pushes away a defender during a Saint Mary's Huskies game.

Canada opens against France on Saturday and faces host Austria on Monday in a sold-out affair. Taylor is optimistic he and his teammates will perform well in the country's debut at the quadrennial event, which started in 1999.

"I think we're going to do pretty well," he said. "We're working hard, we're being coached very well and we're looking to make a statement."

By the numbers

A look at Jahmeek Taylor by the numbers.

1,439

All-purpose yards last season, the sixth-best total in AUS history.

1,263

Career punt-return yards, fifth in AUS history.

711

Number of punt return yards last season, second all time and 66 short of the AUS record. His three punt-return TDs tied the all-time record.

GOLF

Banks off to early lead at Truro

Eric Banks added a little more sizzle to an already warm day at Truro Golf Club yesterday. Banks, playing in the first group of the day, set the pace early with birdies on two of his first three holes en route to a red-hot 5-under-par 66 at the Nova Scotia Golf Association men's amateur championship.

"I hit the ball pretty good today," said Banks, who leads the 72-hole tournament by two strokes over Sam Holland of Ken-Wo and Oakfield's Geoff Campbell. "I was thinking anything under par the first day would probably be good because it's a pretty long tournament."

Eric Locke of Digby Pines and Trevor Chow of Ashburn carded rounds of 2-under-par 69 and sit tied for fourth.

Following today's round, the field will be cut to the top 60 and ties. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Moose to open regular season on the Island

The Halifax Mooseheads will open their 18th QMJHL season on the road on Friday, Sept. 9.

The league released its 2011-12 schedule yesterday, and the Mooseheads play their first of 68 games in Charlottetown against the P.E.I. Rocket.

Halifax's home opener is set for the following week on Friday, Sept. 16, versus

the Bathurst Titan.

The Mooseheads play eight games (four home, four road) against each of their Maritime Division rivals: P.E.I., Bathurst, the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, Moncton Wildcats and Saint John Sea Dogs.

The season concludes on Sunday, March 18, on the road against P.E.I.

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The total number of games in the 68-game schedule the Halifax Mooseheads will play against Maritime Division opponents.

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Up and down

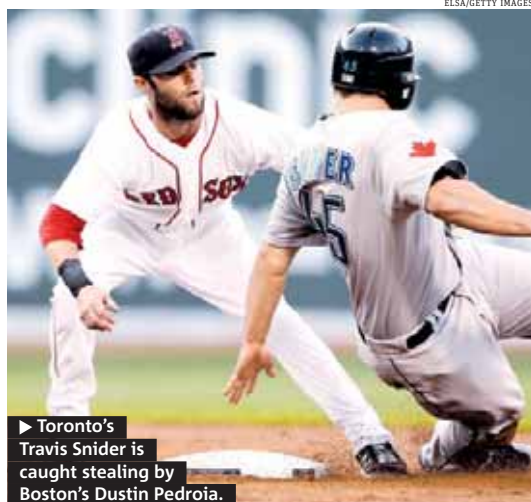
Justine Colley

The East Preston native and Saint Mary's Huskies star is among 15 players selected to try out for Canada's national women's basketball development team from Aug. 2-5 in Abbotsford, B.C. Halifax's Zara Huntley, who plays for the UBC Thunderbirds, also earned an invite.



Ante Jazic

The Major League Soccer defender from Bedford is out of the Chivas USA lineup with a calf sprain. Jazic, 35, has appeared in 14 games this season, logging 1,242 minutes and recording three assists. It's his sixth MLS season.



► Toronto's Travis Snider is caught stealing by Boston's Dustin Pedroia.

Red Sox rough up Romero

► Toronto starter gives up lead off homers to Ellsbury and Youkilis in first two innings ► Blue Jays goes homerless for first time in 14 games

Jacoby Ellsbury and Kevin Youkilis had three extra-base hits apiece, and Tim Wakefield scattered nine hits in seven innings to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 6-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays last night.

Wakefield (5-3) earned the 198th win of his career, filling in for a rotation that is without Clay Buchholz,

6	4
RED SOX	BLUE JAYS

Jon Lester and Daisuke Matsuzaka. The 44-year-old knuckleballer allowed three runs, struck out sev-

en and walked one as Boston earned its sixth win in its last seven games.

Ricky Romero (7-8) gave up six runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings for Toronto. He allowed five straight hits — three of them doubles — as Boston scored four times in the fourth inning.

The game was delayed by rain with two outs in the top of the eighth in-

ning with Boston leading 6-3. After a 40-minute delay, Dan Wheeler struck Aaron Hill out, then Jonathan Papelbon gave up one run in the ninth but earned his 19th save.

Yunel Escobar had four hits, including an RBI single in the ninth, for Toronto. Jose Bautista and Travis Snider had two hits apiece.

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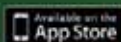
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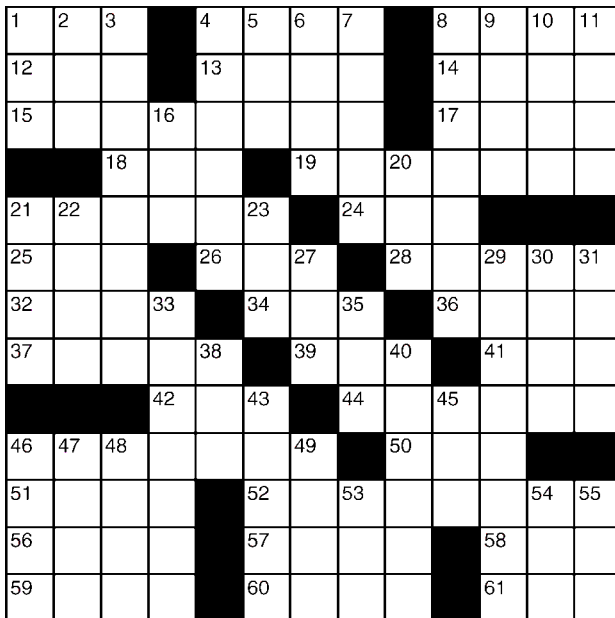
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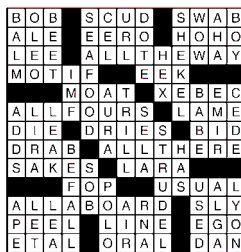
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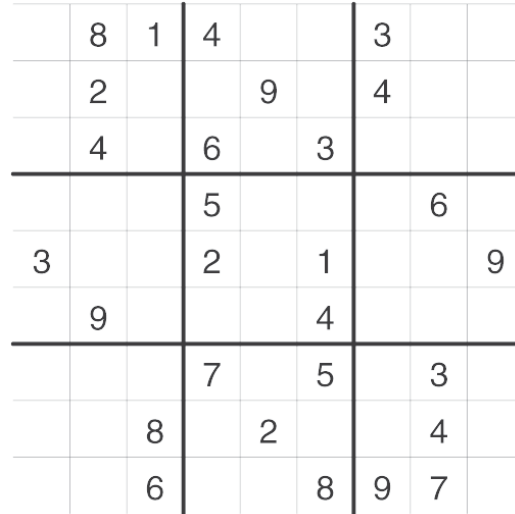
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3 Crusoe, e.g.
4 Sand trap
5 Moreover
6 Concept
7 Liberty's prop
8 Refers (to)
9 Luau wreaths
10 Guy
11 Yankee nickname
16 Performance
20 Gear tooth
21 Cry
22 Black
23 Pirates' potato
27 Deity
29 Ornamental dog-bane
30 Responsibility
31 Hollywood clasher
33 Drop
35 Sherman called it "hell"
38 Noon, in a way
40 Adulterate
43 Cut smaller boards
45 Piece of wordplay
46 Graceful bird
47 Toll road, for short
48 Adams or Falco
49 640 acres (Abbr.)

- 53 Bygone TV channel
54 Flightless bird
55 Plagiarize

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	2	3	5	9	8	6	7	4
6	7	5	4	1	3	2	9	8
8	9	4	2	7	6	3	5	1
5	3	1	7	6	4	9	8	2
9	6	7	1	8	2	4	3	5
2	4	8	3	5	9	7	1	6
4	5	2	8	3	7	1	6	9
3	8	9	6	4	1	5	2	7
7	1	6	9	2	5	8	4	3

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CC, The past year has been so amazing. I am so happy you decided to be a part of my life. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to open my heart to such a wonderful girl. You're the best thing that has ever happened to me. xoxo RYAN

Pa, Hey there seksi! Awesome job for beating the rain while riding your bike to work. Hope you have a great day. Don't stress to much of whats going on;) I love you beybie!! MA

BooBoolicious, As we approach our first wedding anniversary, and I reflect back on the past year Im filled love, happiness and pure joy, and it's all because of you. I love you and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us. You are the best husband a girl could ask for. XOXO HONEY BABY

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

No matter what others may want you to do, don't force it if you are not in the mood for socializing.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Something will inspire or upset you to such an extent that you have to do something about it. Tread carefully.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If others react with shock and surprise at what you do today, they only have themselves to blame.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make allowances for those who can't get themselves out of a rut.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Why are you comparing yourself to people who are on a higher rung of the ladder? You've come a long way.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Can you be sure that what others are telling you is the truth? Make sure you do your own research.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today's Jupiter-Pluto link will encourage you to be pushy in your ambitions.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't take what happens today too seriously. In the greater scheme of things, it's of little importance.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

What happens today will remind you that fear is a negative emotion and serves no useful purpose.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What happens today will delight you. Don't fight the future.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Remind yourself what your number one goal is — then get back on the path that will take you to it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Someone's been keeping things from you but you haven't been betrayed. SALLY BROMPTON

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